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FOR AF/C AND US GEOLOGICAL SURVEY RESTON - ROBERT REGAN

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SUBJECT: BANGUI MAGNETIC ANOMALLY - GEOLOGICAL SURVEY TEAM VISIT

REF: A. BANGUI 1862 B. BANGUI 1811

1. ORSTOM REPS COINTEPAS AND MOURGUES CALLED ON CHARGE
DECEMBER 23 TO DISCUSS REGAN'S LETTER OF DECEMBER 8. AS
EMBASSY HAD NOT RECEIVED COPY OF LETTER IT ONCE AGAIN
(BANGUI 1744) HAD TO LEARN THIRDHAND OF DETAILS OF VISIT
INCLUDING REQUIREMENTS EMBASSY WILL BE EXPECTED TO FULFILL.

2. CONCERNING THESE REQUESTS EMBASSY HAS CONFIRMED ROCK
HOTEL RESERVATIONS AND IS ATTEMPTING TO ARRANGE FIELD VEHICLE
AND SCIENTIFIC INTERPRETER. WILL CONFIRM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.
ORSTOM HAS BEEN IN PRELIMINARY TOUCH WITH DIRECTOR GENERAL OF
MINES G'BAKPOUMA CONCERNING USE OF HELICOPTER AND THERE
APPEARS TO BE NO PROBLEM.

3. ORSTOM DOES NOT HAVE PORTABLE MAGNETIC SUSCEPTIBILITY
BRIDGE AND IS NOT WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE ITS SOLE
PORTABLE TOTAL FIELD MAGNETOMETER FOR FEAR IT MIGHT
BE DAMAGED DURING ROUGH TERRAIN FIELD TRIP. THEREFORE,
BE CERTAIN TO CARRY BOTH ALONG WITH YOU TO BANGUI AS
ACCOMPANYING BAGGAGE.

4. ORSTOM BELIEVES AND EMBASSY CONCURS THAT ONE WEEK
IS TOO BRIEF TO ACCOMPLISH TRAVEL AND FIELD WORK ENVISAGED
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AND SUGGEST YOU PLAN ON TEN DAYS TO TWO WEEKS. IN ORDER TO

SAVE TIME ORSTOM PLANS TO USE WEEKEND ON WHICH YOU ARRIVE
FOR CALLS AT MINISTRY OF MINES AND ORSTOM AND PREPARATION
OF MATERIALS, VEHICLES, ETC, FOR UP-COUNTRY TRAVEL.

5. ANOMOLY STUDY UNDERTAKEN BY MOURGUES HAS BEEN SENT TO YOU
BY AIR TODAY. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS MOURGUES PREPARED AT EMBASSY
REQUEST FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: FUNCTION VARIATION OF MAGNETIC EFFECT WITH DISTANCE IS
EXPOSED IN SCHEMATIC EXPRESSION. DIFFERENCE BETWEEN SATELLITE
ANOMALY AND GROUND MEASUREMENTS IS DEDUCED. INTEREST OF
CORRELATIONS BETWEEN OGO, H AND BOUGUER ANOMOLIES IS SHOWN.
CONSIDERATIONS ARE DONE ABOUT LARGE STRUCTURAL MODEL AND
POSSIBILITY OF LOCAL CONSEQUENCES OF THIS MODEL ON VARIOUS
ORE DEPOSITS. IN ADDITION SOME SAMPLES OF LATERITE ANALYSIS
GIVE PARTICULAR CONCENTRATIONS OF IRON OR TITANE. UNQUOTE.
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